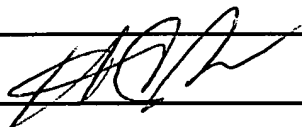


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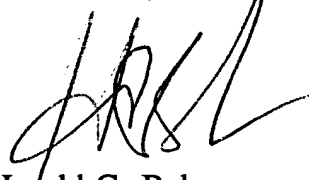
B1 "Tandem Connection Monitoring: Fundamentals, Operation, Test Solutions" -  
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• This reference was brought to the attention of the undersigned.

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Applicant respectfully submits that the present claims are patentable over the references identified herein, and requests timely and favourable examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted

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